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SUBJ: KOREA AT 31ST UNGA: GOI STILL PONDERING

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1. IN DISCUSSING OUTCOME OF INITIAL SPONSORSHIP OF TWO KOREAN RESOLUTIONS (REFTEL), MFA'S OFFICE DIRECTOR FOR UN AFFAIRS, FERRABOSCHI, TOLD EMBOFF THAT MFA IS DELIBERATELY MAKING HASTE SLOWLY TOWARD CO-SPONSORSHIP.

2. IN ADDITION TO A CERTAIN "TECHNICAL PROBLEM" WHICH WOULD HAVE PROHIBITED AN ITALIAN DECSION PRIOR TO AUGUST 20 (FONMIN FORLANI WAS INACCESSIBLE OUT OF TOWN), FERRABOSCHI SAID FORLANI'S STAFF WANTED HIS DECISION TO BE DELIBERATE AND FULLY INFORMED. FERRABOSCHI EXPLAINED AS FOLLOWS.

3. THIS WILL BE FORLANI'S FIRST SIGNIFICANT FOREIGN POLICY DECISION SINCE ASSUMING OFFICE. SINCE THE KOREAN ISSUE IS ESSENTIALLY PERIPHERAL TO ITALY'S DIRECT INTERESTS, THE ITALIAN DECISION ON IT WILL BE ASSESSED, IN PARLIAMENT AND THE PRESS, AS AN INDICATOR OF THIS GOVERNMENT'S GENERAL FOREIGN POLICY STANCE (BY IMPLICATION, VIS-A-VIS ITS FRIENDS). FORLANI, THEREFORE, SHOULD BE FULLY INFORMED ON ALL ASPECTS OF THE ISSUE,
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NOT THE LEAST BEING THE NEW POLITICAL CONFIGURATION IN THE

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PARLIAMENT.

4. FERRABOSCHI CLOSED BY SAYING THAT HE PERSONALLY REMAINS FULLY CONFIDENT THAT, AS AT THE 30TH UNGA, ITALY WILL BE A LATE BUT HELPFUL COSPONSOR.

5. COMMENT: THIS IS THE MOST EXPLICIT ADMISSION WE HAVE SO FAR RECEIVED THAT MFA DECISION MAKERS IN THIS GOVERNMENT WILL BE EVEN MORE ASSIDUOUS THAN IN THE PAST IN LOOKING OVER THEIR SHOULDERS AT PARLIAMENT BEFORE MOVING. BEAUDRY

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